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# THE UNITED SHAVES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

# Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company

Colhereas, There has been presented to the

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF SEVENTERN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT ETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT

OAT

'Coker 234'

In Eastimony Marcrot, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington this 26th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven

Commissioner

Plant Variety Protection Office
Grain Division
Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary of Agriculture

FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 40-R3712

## APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

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Coker 234

### Exhibit A

# Origin and Breeding History of the variety

1967 Growth Chamber-Cross Suregrain x P.I. 287211, Avena Sterilis. F1 plants

tested for crown rust resistance. 1968 Growth Chamber-Cross F<sub>1</sub> above to Coker 68-26.

1968 Backcross F<sub>1</sub> above to Coker 68-26. 1968 BC 2.

1969 Growth Chamber-Cross Coker 68-23 to Coker 68-26 x Sg. x P.I. 287211. 1968 BC 3.

1969 F2 plants tested for rust resistance.

1969 F3 Plant rows grown in Idaho.

1970 F4 spaced plants selected for type and disease resistance.

1970 F5 rows from single F4 plants grown in Idaho.

1971 Variety Trials.

1972 1/2 Acre increase in South Carolina, variety trials.

1972 10 Acre increase in Idaho, variety trials.

1973 Increase in South Carolina.

Pure line selection was based on uniformity of type, reaction to races 202, 203, 216, 264, 264B, 294, 325 and 326 of crown rust, and reaction to culm rot, H. sativum, and soil-borne mosaic, Marmor terrestre.

Stability of the variety has been proven by growing at least 100 single panicle rows during each year of increase. Stability for crown rust resistance has been proven in numerous tests, both field and greenhouse.

Regional results of field trials are included in attached copy of a Progress report of THE UNIFORM SOUTHERN WINTER OAT NURSERY FOR 1974.

Observation of the single panicle rows confirmed that the characteristics of the variety remain unchanged from year to year.

Occasionally, very dark seed occur, but when planted under greenhouse conditions plants from these seed do not produced dark seed. This occurs at a frequency much less than 10%.

#### EXHIBIT B

### Botanical Description of the Variety

Coker 234 is a medium tall oat with a semi-winter growth habit that is slightly less decumbent than Coker 227. Leaves are midwide, midlong, light green, glabrous, with ligule present.

Stems are midtall, midthick, yellow at maturity, upper stem nodes hairy. Tillering is profuse under winter conditions.

Panicles are midlong, midbroad, equilateral, slightly more compact than Coker 227, no false node present. Exertion from flag leaf is rather short, seldom exceeding 60 mm under South Carolina conditions.

Glumes are light green to yellowish green when compared to Coker 227. Ripened glumes are more yellow. Size of glume averages 1 mm less in width and 3 mm less in length than Coker 227.

Kernels are midsized with a rather long extension of the lemma. Lemma color is red with varying degrees of gray tinge between the veins depending Spikelet separation is by semiabscission. Floret separation by heterofracture. Awns are sparse, short, non-twisted, non-geniculate.

Coker 234 has medium strong straw. It has been tested resistant to crown rust races 202, 203, 216, 264, 264B, 294, 325, 326\*. There are no prevalent North American races to which it is known to be susceptible. It is resistant to Victoria blight (H. Victoriae), Culm rot (H. Sativum) and is moderately susceptible to soil-borne mosaic (Marmor terrestre).

<sup>\*</sup> Resistance to these races has been proven by tests, but resistance is not necessarily limited to these races.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: Send an original copy of the application, exhibits and \$250.00 fee to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Grain Division, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. (See Section 180.175 of the regulations and rules of practice.) Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the form are self-explanatory unless noted below.

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#### ITEM

- Insert the date the applicant determined that he had a new variety based on the definition in Section 41 (a) of the Act and decision is made to increase the seed.
- 13a First, give the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method. Second, give the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication. Third, indicate the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified. Fourth, provide evidence on stability.
- 13b First, give any special characteristics of the seed and of the plant as it passes through the seedling stage, flowering stage and the fruiting stage. Second, describe the mature plant and compare it with a similar commercial variety grown under the same conditions, and indicate the differences.
- 13c A supplemental form will be furnished by the PVPO to describe in detail a variety for each kind of seed.
- 13d Provide complete data indicative of novelty. Seed and plant specimens or photographs of seed and plant comparisons clearly indicating novelty may be submitted. Seeds submitted may be sterile.
- 13e Indicate whether applicant is the actual breeder, the employer of the breeder, the owner through purchase or inheritance, etc.

FORM GR-470-35 (1-76)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
GRAIN DIVISION
HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782
OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

OAT (<u>Avena spp.</u>)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	VARIETY NAME OF TEMPORARY DESIGNATION
Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co.	Coker 234
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R. F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
P.O. Box 340	PVPO NUMBER
Hartsville, S.C. 29550	7500008
Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below Place a zero in first box (e.g. 0 0 9 or 0 9) when number is either 99 or less.	ow.
1. SPECIES:	
1 = SATIVA 2 = BYZANTINA 3 = OTHER (Specify)	
2. GROWTH HABIT:	
1 - WINTER 2 - SEMIWINTER 3 - SPRING	
JUVENILE GROWTH: 1 = PROSTRATE 2 = SEMIPROSTRATE	3 = ERECT
STANDARD VARIETIES	INE SEVANCEY 6=FLORIDA 501
1 = JAYCEE 2 = CLINTLAND 64 3 = CAYUSE 4 = NORLII	NE 5 = YANCEY 6 = FLORIDA 501
3. MATURITY (50% flowering):  DAYS EARLIER THAN STANDARD VARIETY  0 3	DAYS LATER THAN 6 STANDARD VARIETY
3 Season: 1 = VERY EARLY (Jaycee) 2 = EARLY (Nodaway 70)	3 - MIDSEASON (Clintford)
Season: 4 = LATE (Lodi) 5 = VERY LATE (Garry)	6 = EXTREMELY LATE (Mackingw)
4. PLANT HEIGHT (From soil level to top of head):	r <del></del>
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5. STEM:	
DIAMETER: 1 = FINE (Kherson) 2 = MEDIUM (Clintford)	3 = COARSE (Nodaway 70)
2 HAIRINESS AT UPPER CULM NODES: 1 = HAIRLESS	2 - HAIRY
1 MATURE STEM COLOR: 1 = YELLOW	2 = REDDISH
6. LEAF: (Leaf Color: The Royal Horticultural Society's or any recognized color chart should	be used to determine the leaf color of the described variety.)
CARRIAGE: 1 = DROOPING (Random) 2 = ERECT (Walken)	
COLOR: 1 = YELLOW GREEN 2 = LT. GREEN	3 = DK, GREEN 4 = BLUE GREEN
1 1 MM. WIDTH (First leaf below flag leaf)	RGIN: 1 = GLABROUS 2 = CILIATE
2 LIGULE: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT	EATH: 1 = HAIRLESS 2 = HAIRY
7. HEAD:	
PANICLE SHAPE: 1 = EQUILATERAL 2 = INTERMEDIATE	3 = SIDE PANICLE (Unilateral)
1 ATTACHMENT OF LOWER WHORL OF BRANCHES: 1 = FIRST NODE	2 = SECOND NODE (False node)
2 PANICLE SIZE: 1 - SMALL (Yencey) 2 - MEDIUM (Walken)	3 = LARGE (Markton)
2 PANICLE WIDTH: 1 = NARROW (Gopher) 2 = MIDBROAD (Yencey)	3 = BROAD (Nodaway 70)
2 2 CM. PANICLE LENGTH 2 8 NUMBER OF BRANCHES	NUMBER OF WHORLS OF BRANCHES
1 POSITION OF BRANCHES: 1 = ASCENDING (Yancey) 2 = SPREADING	G (Cayuse) 3 = DROOPING (Markton)

4 = PECTINATE (White Tartar) 5 = CONFUSED (Storm King)

COKER 234

EXHIBIT D

### Data Indicative of Novelty

Novelty is based on the unique combination of the following characters:

Coker 234 most closely resembles Fla. 501 except it has (1) red seed (R.H.S. Chart 164B) while Fla. 501 has yellow seed (R.H.S. Chart 162A), (2) seedling resistance to crown rust race 325, while Fla. 501 is susceptible, (3) a paucity of awns which are weak and non-twisted, while Fla. 501 has numerous twisted awns.

### COKER 234

### EXHIBIT E

### STATEMENT OF APPLICANT'S OWNERSHIP

All crossing, selection and increase of this variety were performed by employees of Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company, whose sole function is developing and marketing crop varieties. Therefore, Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company believes it is the sole, original and first breeder of Coker 234 oats for which it solicits a certificate of protection.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

In consideration of the formation of a research partnership, which is named CR Seeds with its principal offices at 900 Darlington Highway, Hartsville, S.C. 29550, and of which Coker's Pedigreed. Seed Company, Hartsville, S.C., is a partner, Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company does hereby convey to CR Seeds, free from all encumbrances, ownership of the following protected varieties:

### Wheat Varieties

Variety Name	Plant Variety Certificate No.	Issue Date
Coker 68-15	7200014	March 6, 1974
Coker 68-19	7200015	March 6, 1974
Coker 747	76 <b>TQ01</b> 5	September 9, 1978
Coker 762	8000152	December 12, 1981
Coker 797	8000145	December 12, 1981

#### Oat Varieties

Variety Name	Plant Variety Certificate No.	Issue Date
Coker 227	7500007	October 20, 1977
Coker 716	7900003	December 28, 1978
Coker 234	7500008	October 26, 1977
Four Twenty-Two	7700085	April 12, 1979
Big Mac	8200121	August 19, 1982
Mesquite	8200122	August 19, 1982

### Soybean Varieties

Variety Name	Plant Variety Certificate No.	Issue Date
Coker-Hampton 266A	7100022	September 6, 1973
Coker 136	7300091	October 18, 1973
Coker 338	7400058	October 29, 1976
Coker 237	7800034	July 13, 1978
Coker 488	7900035	July 13, 1978
Coker 156	7900043	November 27, 1979
Coker 317	8100095	November 19, 1981
Coker 368	8200140	August 31, 1983

COKER'S PEDIGREED SEED CO.

ahmer, President

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29 day of February, 1984.

Notary Public

RUTH SILBER
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 31-8994050
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires March 30, 1984

### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, CR Seeds, a general partnership having it principal office at 900 Darlington Highway, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550 ("Partnership"), is the owner of the entire right, title and interest to the United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates and applications for such Certificates (collectively "Certificates") listed on Appendix A attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the partners of CR Seeds, Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc., a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19105 ("RHS") and Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company, a South Carolina corporation with its principal office at 900 Darlington Highway, Hartsville, SC 29550 ("CPS"), are each desirous of acquiring a one-half undivided interest in the varieies and Certificates listed on Appendix A;

NOW, THEREFOR, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, CR Seeds does hereby sell, assign and transfer to RHS a one-half undivided interest in and to the varieties and Certificates and to CPS a one-half undivided interest in and to the varieties and Certificates for each of their use and benefit and for each of their successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, CR Seeds intending to be legally bound has caused this assignment to be executed by its duly authorized officer.

CR Seeds

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_

State of South Carolina )SS

County of Darlington )

On this 30th day of December , 1986, before me appeared E. Joe Dahmer of CR Seeds, the person who signed this instrument who acknowledged that he signed it as a free act on behalf of CR Seeds with authority to do so.

My commission expires 4-14-91

### APPENDIX A

### Soft Red Winter Wheat Varieties

Variety Name	U.S. Plant Variety Certificate No.	Issue Date
Coker 68-15	7200014	Mar. 6, 1974
Coker 68-19	7200015	Mar. 6, 1974
Coker 747	76TQ015	Sept. 9, 1978
Coker 762	8000152	Dec. 12, 1981
Coker 797	8000145	Dec. 12, 1981
Coker 916	8300036	Sept. 27, 1985
Coker 983	8400058 <sup>1</sup>	Feb. 27, 1984 <sup>1</sup>
McNair 701	7200038	Feb. 26, 1974
McNair 4823	7200037	April 8, 1975
RHS 8232	8400136 <sup>1</sup>	July 16, 1984 <sup>1</sup>
9227	86000091	Oct. 22, 1985 <sup>1</sup>
9323	8600010 <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 22, 1985 <sup>1</sup>

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## Winter Oat Varieties

Variety <u>Name</u>	U.S. Plant Variety Certificate No.	Issue Date
Coker 227	7500007	Oct. 20, 1977
Coker 716	7900003	Dec. 28, 1978
Coker 820	84000591	Feb. 28, 1984 <sup>1</sup>
Coker 234	7500008	Oct. 26, 1977
Four Twenty Two	7700085	Apr. 12, 1979
Big Mac	8200121	Aug. 19, 1982
Mesquite	8200122	Aug. 19, 1982

<sup>1.</sup> Application number and filing date.

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Coker		
Hampton 266A	7100022	Sept. 6, 1973
Coker 136	7300091	Oct. 18, 1973
Coker 338	7400058	Oct. 29, 1976
Coker 237	7800034	July 13, 1978
Coker 488	7800035	July 13, 1978
Coker 156	7900043	Nov. 27, 1979
Coker 317	8100095	Nov. 19, 1981
Coker 368	8200140	Aug. 31, 1983
Coker 425	8400077	May 31, 1985
Coker 485	8400078	May 31, 1985
Coker 393 (Q327-4270)	8400018	Jan. 25, 1985
Coker 355 (XP5878)	8400019	Jan. 25, 1985
Coker 627	8700001 <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 3, 1986 <sup>1</sup>
Coker 686	${\tt Pending}^{ extbf{l}}$	Dec. 19, 1986

<sup>1.</sup> Application number and filing date.

Variety Name	U.S. Plant Variety Certificate No.	Issue Date
AP55	8100089	Feb. 18, 1982
AP70	7800081	Feb. 15, 1979
AP71	8100090	Sept. 24, 1981
Lancer	7600044	Sept. 29, 1976
RA-526	7500067	Dec. 12, 1975
RA-604	7900008	Mar. 1, 1975
RA-680	8100097	Apr. 15, 1982
RA-502	8200160	Aug. 31, 1983
RA-606	8200161	Oct. 27, 1983
RA-580	8300075	Apr. 30, 1984
Mitchell	7300054	Oct. 30, 1974
RA-401	7800030	June 22, 1978
RA-601	7800031	June 22, 1978
Mitchell 450	7900046	June 14, 1979
RA-481	8000054	Mar. 26, 1981
RA-402	8000093	July 31, 1981
Mitchell 410	8200162	Oct. 27, 1983
RA-403	8200163	Oct. 27, 1983

Name	Certificate No.	Issue Date
RA-451	8500008 <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 10, 1984 <sup>1</sup>
RA-452	8500009 <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 10, 1984 <sup>1</sup>
RA-405	8500010 <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 10, 1984 <sup>1</sup>
RA-501 A	76TQ006	May 11, 1978
RA-480	7900007	Feb. 15, 1979

Application number and filing date.

### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc., a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19105 ("RHS"), is the owner of a one-half undivided interest in and to the United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates and applications for such Certificates (collectively "Certificates") listed on Appendix A attached

WHEREAS, Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company, a South Carolina corporation with its principal office at 900 Darlington Highway, Hartsville, SC 29550 ("CPS"), is desirous of acquiring this onehalf undivided interest in the aforementioned varieties and Certificates;

NOW, THEREFOR, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, RHS does hereby sell, assign and transfer to CPS RHS's one-half undivided interest in and to the varieties and Certificates for CPS's use and benefit and for its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, RHS intending to be legally bound has caused this assignment to be executed by its duly authorized officer.

By: New A. Augher Assistant Treasurer

State of Philabelphia) SS
County of Philabelphia

On this 3/t day of <u>Queenlee</u>. 1986, before me appeared Howard A. Mergelkamp of Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc., the person who signed this instrument who acknowledged that he signed it as a free act on behalf of Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc. with authority to do so.

ELIZABETHA Notary Public

Notary Public, Phila. Phila. Co.

My commission expires Vommission Expires Oct. 74, 1989

### ASSIGNMENT OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, COKER'S PEDIGREED SEED COMPANY, a South Carolina corporation ("Coker's"), having its offices at 900 Darlington Highway, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550, has adopted and used and is the sole and exclusive owner of certain United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates and similar rights under laws of countries other than the United States as listed in Exhibit A hereto:

WHEREAS, COKER'S PEDIGREED SEED CO. and NORTHRUP KING CO., a Delaware corporation ("NK"), have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated July 20, 1988, providing for the purchase and sale of substantially all of the assets and business of Coker's and the assumption of certain of Coker's liabilities and obligations by NK; and

WHEREAS, NK desires to acquire the right, title and interest in, to and under the Plant Variety Protection Certificates listed on Exhibit A hereto and the pending applications hereto (collectively, the "Plant Variety Protection Certificates").

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Coker's hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over to NK the Plant Variety Protection Certificates. Coker's further agrees, at no cost to it, to execute and deliver to NK, upon the request of NK, any further instrument of assignment that may be necessary to effectuate the transfer of each Plant Variety Protection Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Coker's has caused this instrument to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the 20th day of July, 1988.

COKER'S PEDIGREED SEED COMPANY

By: E. Joe Dahmer President

STATE OF MINNESOTA )

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

On this 26 day of July, 1988, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, the undersigned officer, E. Joe Dahmer, personally appeared and acknowledged himself to be the President of Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co., and that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 30 day of July, 1988.

TIMOTHY M. BANGASSER
NOTARY PUBLIC — MINNESOTA
HENNEPIN COUNTY
My Commission Expires May 22, 1992

Notary Public

### Winter Oat Varieties

Variety Name	U.S. Plant Variety Certificate Number	<u> Issue Date</u>	Term (Yrs.)
Coker 227		Oct. 20, 1977	17
Coker 716	7900003	Dec. 28, 1978	17
Coker 820	8400059	June 30, 1987	18
Coker 234	7500008	Oct. 26, 1977	17
Four Twen	ty Two 7700085	Apr. 12, 1979	17
Big Mac	8200121	Aug. 19, 1982	18
Mesquite	8200122	Aug. 19, 1982	18
	<u>Tobacco V</u>	<u>arieties</u>	
Coker 347	72022	Oct. 27, 1976	17
Coker 411	72023	Oct. 27, 1976	17
Coker 86	7600004	Oct. 27, 1976	17
Coker 48	7800008	Sept. 20, 1978	17
Coker 51	8100048	Feb. 18, 1982	18
Coker 176	8300056	Sept. 29, 1983	18
Coker 206	8500040	Apr. 30, 1986	18
Coker 371	Gold 8700049	Sept. 30, 1987	18
	Cotton V	arieties	
Coker 310	7100021	Jan. 18, 1974	17
Coker 304	7700024	Dec. 21, 1978	17
Coker 420	7900087	Jan. 29, 1980	17
Coker 315	8000087	Dec. 18, 1980	17